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# Camping by The River Offered as Special Program

Riverbend Park opens its gates all night for a campout on Friday, May 18, 2007. The campout will begin at 7 p.m. and will culminate Saturday morning, May 19 at 9 a.m. This represents a special opportunity for visitors who are not regularly allowed to camp at the park.

This campout provides a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate the outdoor beauty of spring during warmer weather and enjoy a night sleeping outdoors by the river. Visitors will enjoy the sounds of the environment: the river flowing over rocks, owls, possibly even a rare bobcat or most amazing of all – quiet. Between campfire s'mores and hiking, Riverbend will have activities for all ages throughout the night.

Riverbend Park's 400 acres of grounds offer visitors spectacular views of the Potomac River as well as over two miles of hiking trails with diverse wildflowers and excellent birding. As well as the parks usual attractions, the campout will feature games, night-time activities and campfire treats. Park staff will provide a complimentary continental breakfast in the morning.

Reservations and advance payment of \$45 per family are required. For more information or to reserve a campsite, please contact the Riverbend Visitor Center at 703- 759- 9018 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend>.

Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills Street in Great Falls. You may reach the park by taking Beltway Exit 44 which is Georgetown Pike west to a right on River Bend Road. From Riverbend Road turn right on Jeffery Road and follow for approximately one mile to the park entrance.

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